

REMARKS

The pending claims are now 1, 5, and 6.

Support

Support for new claim 6 is provided by the specification as filed and by claims 1 and 4.

Issues Under 35 USC § 112

At paragraph 4 of the last Office Action, the Examiner objected to the inclusion of weight ratios at more than 1 place in the claim. The weight ratios, and all other material in the last 7 lines of claim 1, have been cancelled. Claim 1, line 4, has also been amended to make it clear that the inorganic filler is silica sol.

Claim 4 has been cancelled, rendering moot its rejection. Claim 4 has been rewritten as new independent claim 6. The subject matter of claim 6 is substantially identical to that of claim 4. It is respectfully submitted that none of the objections listed in paragraphs 5 and 6 of the Office Action with respect to claim 4, are applicable against claim 6. In summary, it is respectfully submitted that the claims now clearly define the novel and non-obvious subject matter in full compliance with the second paragraph

of 35 USC § 112. The Examiner would be justified in passing the case to issue. Such action is earnestly solicited.

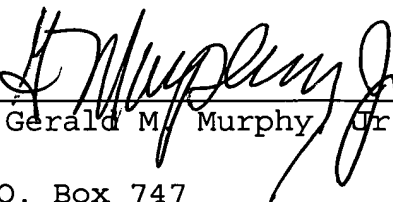
CONCLUSION


Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact David R. Murphy (Reg. No. 22,751) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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